

E-Mail ALPERSRU J/99

Subj: REPORTING OF OHA AMOUNTS BASED ON FOREIGN CURRENCY

Introduction This E-mail ALPERSRU was necessitated by the Per Diem Travel and Travel Allowance Committee's (PDTATAC) new policy of supplying OHA table amounts in foreign currency in those areas where rent is paid in foreign currency.

Discussion Twice a month, HRSIC receives a file from PDTATAC containing rate changes that have occurred for various overseas locations. This file no longer provides HRSIC the U.S. dollar amount for those locations where rent is paid in foreign currency. In order for HRSIC to update an OHA account affected by a foreign currency change within this file, additional data fields were required.

Segment 46 Modifications To accommodate foreign currency amounts, fields to identify the amount, currency code, and exchange rate for ceiling/utility information have been added. Also, a new field, which will contain the rent paid in foreign currency, has been created. These new fields will be updated internally by HRSIC and will not require additional input from the PERSRUs now or for future transactions. The following explains the relationship between the old and new data fields within segment 46 for those members whose currency code does not equal "US":

JFTR CEILING AMOUNT multiplied by the CEILING EXCHANGE RATE will equal the amount contained in the US-CEILING field.

JFTR UTILITY AMOUNT multiplied by the UTILITY EXCHANGE RATE will equal the amount contained in the US-UTILITY field.

The amount contained in the RENT PAID IN FC will equal the US-RENT amount divided by the CEILING EXCHANGE RATE.

The US-RENT amount will equal the RENT PAID IN FC multiplied by the CEILING EXCHANGE RATE.

At present, the Coast Guard has 19 members whose currency code is other than "US".

Action Whenever an OHA start or change (P609) is being prepared, PERSRUs must continue to enter into SDA II amounts converted to the U.S. dollar. PERSRU input procedures for the P609 have not changed.

HRSIC recommends that website www.dtic.mil/perdiem/rateinfo.html (within the Appendix K heading) be accessed in order to obtain the most current listings of OHA amounts.

Questions Questions may be directed to the HRSIC Customer Service Team at 785-357-3540.

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